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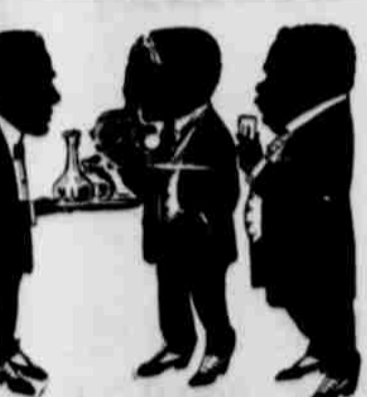
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Democratic Leaders Apparently Agreed on Ambitious Legislative Plans.

Washington.—The program of anti-trust and currency legislation that faces congress for the ensuing 12 months has become fairly well outlined in the last week. President Wilson and the democrat leaders in the two houses of congress apparently have agreed on an ambitious plan of legislative work, which will bring all of the most important reforms contemplated by the Wilson administration within the period between now and the end of the next regular session of congress.

The tariff bill will be out of the senate and in the hands of a conference committee of the house and senate before the end of this week. Currency legislation promises to dominate congressional activity within a few days. Anti-trust legislation will be up soon. The influence of republicans as well as democrats, who long have been active in the fight for more adequate regulation of the trusts, will be felt in the making of these reforms.

Senate Passes Tariff Bill

The senate has finally passed the democratic tariff bill. Democratic lines in the senate stood solidly against the final onslaught of the tariff fight. With party leaders urging their colleagues on to approval of the bill, the ranks closed up against the anti-free wool and anti-free sugar forces and defeated all amendments to the bill as fast as they came to the vote.

Attempts to restore a duty on raw wool and to raise the duty on woollen manufactured goods made in successive amendments by Senators LaFollette, Catron and Penrose were defeated without the loss of a party vote.

Among the amendments defeated was that of Senator Norris for a heavy tax on inheritances. This was beaten 58 to 12, the following republicans joining the democrats in voting against it: Senators Brandegee, Catron, Clark, of Wyoming; Colt, Fall, Gallinger, Jackson, Lippitt, Lodge, Oliver, Penrose, Perkins, Root, Sherman and Sutherland.

Two attempts by Senator La Follette to secure the adoption of substitutes for the democratic wool tariff failed by strict party votes.

Secretary Reports Adversely on Bill.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior Jones sent to congress an adverse report on the Borah bill recently passed by the senate, amending the three-year homestead bill by providing that in lieu of cultivation settlers may make improvements on their land to the aggregate value of \$1.50 an acre a year. The secretary objects to the language of the bill and further maintains that many homesteaders are not able to expend this amount in improvements.

He also maintains that the Borah bill repeals the provision in the present law which gives the secretary of the interior discretion to reduce the acre of cultivation.

The effect of such legislation, he said would be to penalize the poor homeseeker and make it impossible for the interior department to extend him any relief.

New Homestead Regulations Easier.

With a view to making it "as easy as possible for honest entrymen to gain homesteads and as difficult as possible for speculators," Acting Secretary of the Interior Jones published a new list of homestead regulations.

The principal concession to homesteaders is a reduction in the number of acres each is required to cultivate under such circumstances as the homesteader's illness or of exceptional difficulties in the way of cultivation.

No reduction in cultivation area is permitted, however, on account of the removal of standing timber—a blow at timber speculators.

National Capital Brevities.

The house currency committee has completed its work on the administration bill, and has authorized Chairman Glass to report the measure. Debate will probably begin early next week.

Congressmen Allen of Ohio and Stephens of New Hampshire are drafting a bill to provide for the abolition of all wooden cars in the United States within five years.

At the currency bill hearing before the senate finance committee, Festus Wade of St. Louis said that the American bankers' association regarded the issuance of currency by the United States treasury as "weakening the republic."

The interior department is working on a recommendation, to be submitted to congress later, advocating legislation authorizing the purchase of government timber lands or timber rights on larger areas than 160 acres, which is the present limit.

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Charley Herzog, Able Batter and Infielder.



Charley Herzog of the New York Nationals has made a hit with the Gotham fans this year by his infield playing and his batting.

He seems to be able to play any of the infield positions well, although McGraw keeps him at third most of the time.

McGraw claims the credit for developing Herzog into the sterling player he is. He let him go to the Boston Nationals about two years ago, but later made a deal that brought him back.

Clymer Back With Stallings.

Otis Clymer is back playing for the manager who gave him his first chance in really fast company—George Stallings. It was in 1900 that Clymer, last spring referred to as a "promising youngster" by President Murphy of the Cubs, joined Buffalo, then managed by Stallings. He came from the Tri-state league. With Buffalo Clymer played such good ball that Pittsburgh secured him, but at the very start of his major league career he broke an ankle and was out for the rest of the season.

Then Joe Cantillon, managing Washington, secured him from Pittsburgh, and after a stay with the Senators he followed Cantillon to Minneapolis. Clymer's ankle, broken some years ago, is still incased in a bandage, but it does not appear to have bothered him in his work on the bases, for he was a leading run getter and base stealer in the association. He did not meet expectations with the Cubs this year, however, and was released to the Boston Braves.

Manager Stallings has not yet decided what he intends to do with him. His outfield is already well taken care of, and it is possible that Clymer was taken on with the intention of sending him to Buffalo. If so he will have completed the circle and returned to the club where he made his first real showing and incidentally play under the leadership of "Derby Day" Bill Clymer.

Middle West Tennis Sharp.

Joseph J. Armstrong, St. Paul's wonderful tennis player, is showing the best form of his career on the courts this summer. Joe has taken part in several big tournaments since the close of the college season and has made an enviable record. His first matches were in the tri-state tournament, which were held in Cincinnati. Joe reached the finals in the tri-state tournament, but was defeated by W. S. McEllroy of Pittsburgh. He evened up for this defeat by winning from McEllroy in the finals of the bi-state tournament at Louisville. In this match Joe was at his best, and after losing the first set, 6-6, he came back strong, winning three straight sets, 6-2, 6-1, 6-3.

Armstrong's playing was one of the features in the Minnesota state tournament at Duluth.

Corbett's Opinion.

James J. Corbett says: "Writers on boxers and boxing have been very busy the past few weeks picking opponents for Lightweight Champion Willie Ritchie. And, strange to tell, a boy has been overlooked whose chances to defeat the champion—if it can be done—would seem to compare favorably with those of the others named, among them Leach Cross, Tommy Murphy, Jack Britton and Freddy Walsh. I refer to young Joe Shugrue, the Jersey City boxer, who is one of the best lightweight prospects developed in this section of the country in years."



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